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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO M. GERONDEAU

1. LETTER

BEGIN QUOTE

REGRETABLY YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 10 WAS NOT RECEIVED  
UNTIL LAST WEEK. CONSEQUENTLY MY COMMUNICATION TO YOU WHICH  
WAS PASSED THROUGH MR. MILLER OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ON  
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JANUARY (NOTE TO MILLER: PLEASE INSERT DATE YOU SENT IN-

FORMATION STATE 012146 TO GERONDEAU) WAS BASED ONLY UPON THE REPORT OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MR. MILLER LAST DECEMBER 21. AFTER READING YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 10, I NOW BELIEVE THAT YOUR CONCEPT FOR AN AD HOC GROUP OF HIGHEST LEVEL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES ON HIGHWAY SAFETY POLICY CLOSELY COINCIDES WITH MINE. HIGH-LEVEL NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY POLICY-MAKERS OF INTERESTED NATIONS NEED TO DECIDE WHAT FOLLOW UP ACTIONS ON THE CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY AND INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION NEED TO BE TAKEN AND WHO SHOULD DO THE WORK. THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP WOULD PROVIDE POLICY-LEVEL SUPPORT FOR TECHNICAL INITIATIVES. WHO(E.G., ISO, ECE, ECMT) UNDERTAKES A SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT IS NOT AS MUCH A CONCERN AS THAT PRIORITIES ARE SET AND RESULTING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS CARRIED OUT EFFECTIVELY. REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED BY THE CCMS PILOT STUDY CAN BE MET IN MANY CASES THROUGH EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS. BUT THESE HIGHLY TECHNICAL AREAS OF COOPERATION SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COHERENT OVERALL PLAN. THAT PLAN SHOULD BE DEVELOPED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY POLICY IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE THE PROBLEMS AND THE MEANS TO DEAL WITH THEM.

THE U.K.'S COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STUDY REPORT STATES QUOTE-- "THE U.K. ENDORESES THE CORNERSTONE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PILOT STUDY-THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO FLEXIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COORDINATING FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY ON THE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD IN THE REPORT" UNQUOTE. CANADA HAS INDICATED FULL SUPPORT FOR THE AD HOC GROUP, AND BELGIUM IS PREPARING TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN POST PILOT STUDY ACTIVITIES.

THE REASON FOR THE MARCH MEETING OF THESE HIGH-LEVEL POLICY OFFICIALS IS TO DECIDE ON SEVERAL PRESSING MATTERS PRIOR TO THE MAY CCMS PLENARY. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE GOING INTO TECHNICAL SUBSTANCE IN DEPTH. INSTEAD, WE WILL BE SEEKING AGREEMENT ON HOW TO PROCEED AND IN WHAT AREAS, FIRST. FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO ASK FOR ADOPTION OF THREE ANNEXES AT THE MAY PLENARY: ESV, ALCOHOL AND HIGHWAY SAFETY, AND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION. AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE, WE WILL HAVE TO DECIDE ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE EXCHANGE OF PROGRAM PLANS AS CALLED FOR IN THE INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD SAFETY. THE POSSIBILITY OF ECMT BEING ASKED TO UNDERTAKE THIS ASSIGNMENT AS YOU HAVE SUGGESTED WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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BE DISCUSSED. IN THE SAME VEIN, THE POSSIBILITY OF OECD BEING CALLED UPON TO FOLLOW UP ON SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ALCOHOL PROJECT WOULD BE DISCUSSED.

I AM GLAD THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO ORGANIZE THE MEETING IN PARIS. AS OUR EMBASSY HAS PROBABLY MENTIONED TO YOU, I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD INVITE POLICY-LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM EACH OF THE NATO COUNTRIES WHICH LED ONE OF THE SEVEN PROJECTS OF THE CCMS PILOT STUDY AND THE U.K. THUS, IN ADDITION TO OURSELVES,

APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS FROM BELGIUM, CANADA, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, AND THE U.K. SHOULD BE INVITED. INVITATIONS CAN BE WORDED TO EXCLUDE SUBSTITUTES.  
I THINK YOUR IDEA OF ASKING MR. CALVERT, UNDER SECRETARY FOR ROAD SAFETY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, IS A GOOD ONE, AND I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUGGESTION AS TO WHO SHOULD COME FROM OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.  
FOR MY PART, I SHALL CHECK WITH THE CANADIANS ON THIS QUESTION. IN TERMS OF MY SCHEDULE, WHETHER MARCH 11 AND 12 OR MARCH 25 AND 26 WOULD BE BEST IF THAT WOULD SUIT YOU. AS THAT TIME IS NOW DRAWING NIGH, IF YOU AGREE, THE MEETING SHOULD PROBABLY BE ORGANIZED AND INVITATIONS SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE U.S. WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP IN ANY WAY THAT YOU THINK APPROPRIATE IN THIS CONNECTION.  
AS YOU REQUESTED, THERE IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE A PROPOSED AGENDA WHICH AMPLIFIES ON THE GENERAL VIEWS CONTAINED ABOVE. WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS.

YOURS SINCERELY,

JAMES B. GREGORY  
ADMINISTRATOR  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

2. PROPOSED AGENDA

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MARCH 1974 MEETING  
PARIS

ITEM 1. SAFETY PROGRAM EXCHANGE AND BI-ANNUAL REVIEW  
THE INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD SAFETY CALLS FOR EXCHANGE OF ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS (PARA 3B). AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES MUST BE REACHED BY INTERESTED NATIONS AT THE POLICY LEVEL RATHER QUICKLY IN ORDER TO HAVE A UNCLASSIFIED

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COORDINATED EXCHANGE READY FOR SEPTEMBER. THE PILOT STUDY REPORT RECOMMENDS CRITERIA FOR THE EXCHANGE AND GIVES ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF A FORMAT THAT MIGHT BE USED. CANADA IN ITS COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REPORT SUGGESTS THAT COUNTRIES FIRST MAKE ONE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, THEN, AFTER A HIGH LEVEL GROUP REVIEWS THESE REPORTS AND ESTABLISHES SOME GUIDE LINES FOR INFORMATION NEEDS, ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP A DETAILED REPORTING FORMAT ACCORDINGLY. POLICY LEVEL GUIDANCE AND AN AGREEMENT OF WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION WILL LEAD THE WORK IS NEEDED. ONE OF SEVERAL EXISTING INTER-NATIONAL BODIES MIGHT WELL BE CALLED UPON TO UNDERTAKE THESE FUNCTIONS. ECMT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AS ONE APPROACH. THIS AND OTHER POSSIBILITIES WILL BE EXAMINED. CLOSELY RELATED IS THE MATTER OF THE BI-ANNUAL ASSESS-

MENT OF SUCH PROGRAMS(PARA 2B) WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE PROGRAM EXCHANGE.

ITEM 2. ANNEXES FOR ADOPTION AT THE SPRING PLENARY(ESV, ALCOHOL AND HIGHWAY SAFETY, AND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION)  
A REVIEW OF THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF THESE ANNEXES  
WOULD BE IN ORDER TO ASSURE HIGH LEVEL POLICY AGREEMENT  
ON THE PROPOSED ACTIONS AND SUPPORT FOR THE TECHNICAL  
EXPERTS IN THEIR EFFORTS IN IMPLEMENTATION. CONSENSUS  
TEXTS FOR ALCOHOL AND HIGHWAY SAFETY AND ACCIDENT  
INVESTIGATION ANNEXES WERE DEVELOPED IN FALL '73  
MEETINGS OF EXPERTS. ENDORSEMENT AND COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF NEXT STEPS BY POLICY LEVEL GROUP IS NOW  
IN ORDER. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS ON  
TEXT OF ESV ANNEX CONTAINED IN DRAFT OF STUDY  
REPORT. FRENCH GENERAL COMMENTS AND RESERVATIONS CAN  
BE DISCUSSED AND UNDERSTANDING REACHED IN PREPARATION  
FOR SPRING PLENARY.

ITEM 3. COORDINATION OF FOLLOW UP ON CCMS PILOT STUDY ACTION  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE RESULTED FROM  
ALL SEVEN PROJECT AREAS OF THE ROAD SAFETY  
PILOT STUDY.  
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE  
HELD ON PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTING SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS.  
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THE PROJECT AREAS ARE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION,  
ALCOHOL, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, ROAD HAZARDS,  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, MOTOR VEHICLE  
INSPECTION, ESV. THIS DISCUSSION SHOULD  
EXAMINE POSSIBILITIES OF INVITING EXISTING  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSUME FOLLOW UP  
RESPONSIBILITIES.

ITEM 4. OTHER BUSINESS.

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